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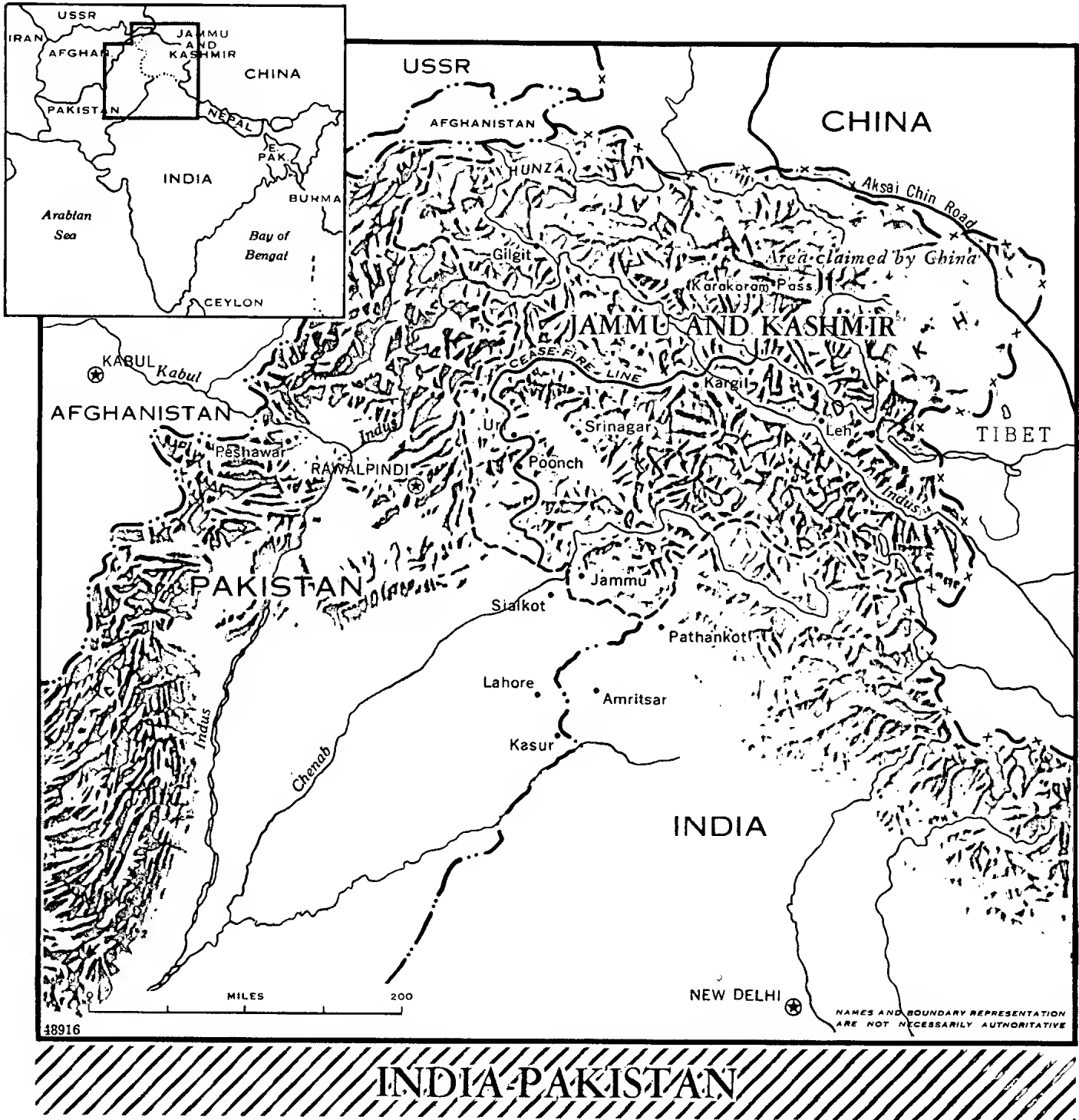
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. India-Pakistan

There are tentative signs that the Chinese Communists are softening their stand against India. A Chinese radio-broadcast this afternoon claimed that Indian troops had destroyed the controversial "military structures" on the Chinese side of the Sikkim border. It is not clear whether the Indians have taken this action, but the Chinese are apparently laying the groundwork for a statement that the Indians have met their ultimatum.

India has told the United Nations that it will issue cease-fire orders to its troops if there is confirmation that Pakistan has done the same.

Ayub, however, told Ambassador McConaughy today that the Pakistani Government has not decided on a response to the United Nations demand. Ayub will make a final decision after Foreign Minister Bhutto sounds out the "major powers" in New York on what steps will be taken to reach a settlement.

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The Indians have yet to reply. Shastri's secretary today asked Ambassador Bowles how the US would react to an Indian acceptance "in principle." New Delhi intends to reply to the Soviets tomorrow before the Chinese deadline expires.

Fighting is apparently continuing in the Sialkot area. The Indians claim to have beaten back a counterattack by tank-supported Pakistani infantry.

Ayub has apologized for the mob actions against US installations earlier today and has offered restitution. No further disturbances have been reported.

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This map illustrates the geographical layout of North Vietnam and its surrounding regions. The main map shows North Vietnam bordered by China to the north and northeast, Burma to the west, and Thailand to the southwest. The Gulf of Tonkin is located to the east. Major cities such as Hanoi, Vinh, and Vientiane are marked. The Mekong River is shown flowing through the region. A legend indicates symbols for roads (solid line), tracks or trails (dashed line), and railroads (line with cross-ticks). Numbered circles (1-13) are placed along various routes. Shaded areas represent specific regions of interest. An inset map in the bottom left corner provides a detailed view of the southern region, showing the border with Thailand and Cambodia, and highlighting the area around Thakhek and Savannakhet. The inset map includes a scale bar from 0 to 50 miles and labels for various locations like Kam Keut, Lak Sao, Ban Khen, Na Kay, Nhommarath, Mahaxa, Thakhek, Seno, Savannakhet, Mu Gia Pass, and Tchepone.

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2. Laos

Military activity in several areas is increasing as the rainy season ends.


On Sunday, government forces recaptured a village north of Luang Prabang which had been overrun by the Communists earlier this month. Government troops have also had some success recently in limited operations west of Luang Prabang, as well as near Thakhek and south of Samneua (see map).

The Communists, for their part, are showing signs that they plan to resume truck resupply operations into Laos considerably earlier than they did last year.

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3. USSR

The Soviets are apparently not planning a major new space venture in the near future.



4. Greece

Parliament reconvenes tomorrow and it now appears that Premier-designate Stephanopoulos will make the grade. Balloting on a vote of confidence, however, is not expected until late Friday.

Today, two more Center Union deputies abandoned the Papandreou camp in favor of the new government. This will give Stephanopoulos command of 152 of the 300 seats in Parliament if he can prevent defections.

Papandreou forces will probably resume demonstrations throughout the country in a last minute effort to reverse the trend.

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5. Congo

Cuba has evidently increased the number of advisers serving with the rebels in the eastern Congo.

[redacted] there are at least 55 Cubans with the insurgents in the Fizi region on the northwestern shores of Lake Tanganyika. Some of the Cubans are running a military school and others man two armed speed boats.

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[redacted] several groups of Cubans--apparently guerrilla warfare experts--arrived in Dar-es-Salaam during late August and early September.

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This may mean more trouble for the mercenary leader, Colonel Hoare. He has been planning to launch an offensive north of Albertville later this month.

6. Bolivia

The government is thoroughly worried, but the mining areas are still under control.

Further violence may come later today or tomorrow in connection with the funerals for the riot victims. Strikes and student demonstrations are reportedly being planned.

General Barrientos says that forty people were killed in yesterday's fighting; this figure may be somewhat inflated. A state of siege went into effect this morning.

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